

Category #6:

The Guidelines need to address the use of air fresheners and cleaning products with fragrances. [5 comments received]

State Response:

The existing list of approved products allows a user to sort cleaning products by those that do or do not include fragrances.

The OGS approved cleaning list does not include air fresheners. Air fresheners are not cleaning products and we recommend that schools should work to eliminate the source of the odor problem, and not simply treat a symptom, by masking the odor with any products, air freshener or other types of products.

Public Comment:

Comment #1:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a school teacher in upstate New York with chemical sensitivities. My health and the health of the children in my room has been much improved since NY implemented its green cleaning mandate. It is not just cleaning substances, but also the wax used on the floors, etc. I request that you also limit the fragrances found in substances used in schools. While you have made a great start, there is still a way to go. Please do not go backwards on this issue because of pressure from large industry concerns. They do not really care about the health or future of our children and public servants who work in the school/public building environment. Show that you care about us and do not relax the 3rd party certification process. Otherwise it is just a case of the fox watching the hen house.

Sincerely,
Priscilla Crawford

Comment #2:

Neither GS 37 nor Eco Logo prohibits fragrances in cleaning products, but they do require that added fragrances be disclosed on the labels of certified products. Fragrances are a trigger often identified by parents of children with asthma and adults with asthma or sensitive airways. Therefore, we strongly urge New York State to highlight all cleaning products on the state list that do not have added fragrances. The state can very easily make it simple for cleaning product users to find and buy these preferred products that will further advance the cause of good indoor air in schools, child care centers, and offices.

Claire L. Barnett, Executive Director
HEALTHY SCHOOLS NETWORK, INC.

Comment #3:

We support making it easier to find cleaning products that are fragrance-free/unscented: New York should highlight these products on the state list.

Sincerely,

Daniel Lefkowitz

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Comment #4:

I want New York to protect and improve its list of green cleaning products by:

Making it easier to find cleaning products that are fragrance-free/unscented: New York should highlight these products on the state list.

Joseph A. Gardella, Jr., Ph.D.

Comment #5:

We also agree with HSN's request that OGS highlight non-fragranced products on the state list

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